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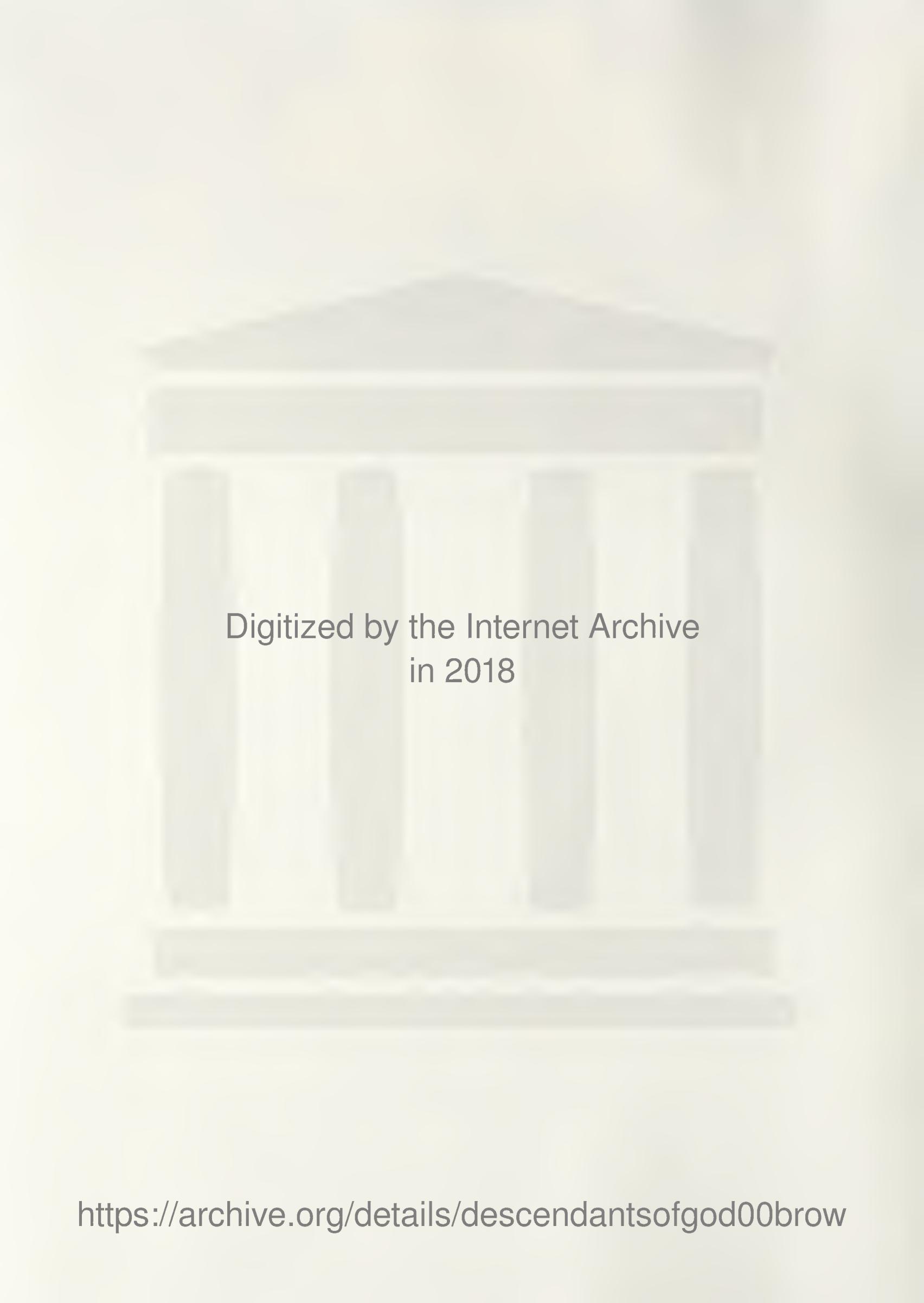
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Brown, Sr.

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DESCENDANTS

OF

Godfrey Brown, Sr.

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GODFREY BROWN Sr.

"A Minister and a Farmer"

He was born a slave in Brunswick County Virginia during the year of 1769, and he died January 3, 1843, age 75 years.

And by him having a good Master he was freed on March 7, 1820. And he was also able to save enough money to buy his family out of bondage.

On March 23, 1822 he bought from Edward Dromgoole for \$1,000, 25 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land in Caesar Creek Township Green County, Ohio. Thus began the well known Brown settlement in that township. On this land he and his sons built log cabins for his family and in the center of this large farm, he and his sons built a log church calling it "The Middle Run Baptist Church" because it was built between two streams of water, this being the first colored Baptist Church organized in the State of Ohio. This church was built in the fall of 1822 and was moved from this location to Xenia in the year of 1889 and is still active.

He reserved one half acre of land for a graveyard, near the Church he and his sons built, here is where he and his family are buried, and his tombstone still stands.

All of the Land that he owned at the time of his death:

|                                       |      |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| Caesar Creek Township, Green Co. Ohio | 1822 | 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ Acres |
| Township No. 7 Shelby County          | 1833 | 80 Acres               |
| Willshire Township, Van Wert Co. Ohio | 1837 | 160 Acres              |
| Hoaglin Township, Van Wert Co. Ohio   | 1839 | <u>160</u> Acres       |
| TOTAL                                 |      | 65 $\frac{1}{4}$ Acres |

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FREED NEGROES OF EARLY DAYS, GREEN COUNTY, OHIO

The following was copied from an ancient Court House record book by Harvey Elam, County Recorder of Green County, Ohio:

"I do hereby certify that the bearer hereof Godfrey Brown a free man of colour aged fifty-two years about five feet ten and one-half inches high, yellow complexion, has two scars on his left arm near the elbow, carries the mark of small pox on the face and was emancipated by John T. Bowdoin as will appear by reference to the deed of emancipation duly recorded in the county court aforesaid. Given under my hand this seventh day of March 1820.

"R. Turnbull, C.B.C."

"A deed of emancipation was issued by Godfrey Brown in the Court of Brunswick County Virginia for the following persons:

One Negro woman, Chaney Brown, to be free from the date of this deed. *January 26, 1822*

Sally Brown aged 30 years,  
Moses Brown aged 27 years,  
Sam Brown aged 24 years,  
Bibannah Brown aged 22 years, all to be free  
on the first day of January 1823; also

Dick Brown aged 20 years,  
Godfrey Brown, Jr. aged 18 years,  
Myles Brown aged 14 years,  
Elizabeth Brown aged 12 years,  
Polly Edwards Brown aged 10 years,  
Joseph Brown aged 6 years,  
Julia Brown aged 5 years, and  
Agnes Brown aged 1 year, all of whom were to be  
free from the date when they became twenty-one years of age, etc.

"Signed Godfrey (X) Brown"

COMMENT: Edward Dromgoole, Jr., and Sarah C., his wife, of the County of Brunswick, State of Virginia sold to Godfrey Brown for \$1,000, 254 acres of land in Caesar Creek Township, Green County, Ohio. The deed was made March 23, 1822. Thus began the well known Brown settlement in that township.

COMMENT: Edward Dromgoole, Jr., was the son of Edward Dromgoole, Sr., an outstanding man in the early Methodism of Virginia. His wife Sarah C. Dromgoole was the daughter of Peter Pelham the county auditor of Green County.

Children

Grandchildren

SALLY BROWN  
(no record of children)

MOSES BROWN  
(no record of children)

Samuel Brown By 1st wife  
Name (?)

ALEXANDER BROWN  
SILAS G. BROWN  
LOUISA BROWN

By 2nd wife  
ELIZA

WILLIAM H. BROWN  
JAMES R. BROWN  
SAMUEL H. BROWN JR.  
VICTORIA BROWN  
LAURA BROWN  
LINCOLN F. BROWN

REBIANA or  
BIBANAH BROWN (same person)  
(married a SWIFT)

CHANAY ANN SWIFT  
MARIA ANN SWIFT  
MOSES SWIFT  
SARAH SWIFT  
JOHN SWIFT

RICHARD BROWN  
(no record of children)

GODFREY BROWN  
& wife  
CHANAY BROWN

GODFREY BROWN JR.  
(wife?)

JAMES WORTHINGTON  
BROWN  
SARAH ANN BROWN  
JULIA BROWN  
SALLY BROWN

MYLES BROWN  
(no record of children)

ELIZABETH BROWN  
(married a GREEN)

MOSES GREEN

POLLY EDWARDS BROWN  
(married a BAKER)

(she had children but  
no record of their  
names)

JOSEPH BROWN  
(no record of children)

JULIA BROWN  
(no record of children)

AGNES BROWN  
(no record of children)

Godfrey Brown :Recorded in Vol. Y, page 361,

Last Will :Record of Deeds

Chaney Brown et al :Van Wert County, Ohio.

The State of Ohio Green County ss:

At a term of Court of Common Pleas of Said County by and at the Court House in said County on the Twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three these present the Honorable Elijah Vance President & Samuel Kyle Simon Dunn & Abner G. Luce Associate Judges of said Court. The last will and testament of Godfrey Brown late of said County deceased was brought into Court for probate and duly proven by the Oaths of Samuel T. Cvens and Joseph Boots two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whose examination were reduced to writing and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Godfrey Brown was at the time of Executing said Will of sound mind and memory, over twenty one years of age and not under any restraint it is ordered that said Will & proof so reduced to writing be recorded and thereupon no motion of Aaron Lambert and John Birt the Executors named and appointed in said Will it is ordered that letters of testamentary and thereupon the said Aaron Lambert and John Birt with John Weaver and Ward McNair their securities whom the Court accept entered into Bond in the penal sum of Four Hundred Dollars, Conditioned according to Law. The Court appointed Joseph Boots, Thomas B. Cummings and Hiram Adit appraisers of the personal property of said deceased which said Will and probate are in the words and of the tenor following: --

I Godfrey Brown of the County of Green, and State of Ohio, being sick and feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my Wordly affairs and be prepared to die when it shall please God to call me do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form following; That is to say -

1st, and principally I Commit my Soul to God and my body to the Earth to be decently buried and all my funeral expenses to be paid.

2nd, as to debts, thank God I owe no man anything but love.

3rd, I give and bequeath to my wife Chaney Brown all the rents and profits arriving from the home far, that at the meeting house and that which my son Godfrey Brown cleared in his lifetime during her life.

4th, I give and devise unto my Sons Samuel and Richard Brown the equal undivided East half of my tract of land lying in Green County to be divided as follows viz: 1st by a line running North and South parallel with the outside lines dividing the whole into two equal quantities, then by a line running parallel with the outside lines dividing the whole tract into two equal quantities, then by a line running parallel with the outside lines dividing the said East half into two equal parts: Samuel to have the North end, and Richard the South end.

5th, I lend unto my daughter Polly Baker the South end of the West half of the aforesaid tract of land divided in the same way as the East half during her life and after her death I give it to her children, forever.

6th, I lend unto my daughter Elizabeth Green the North end of the aforesaid West half during her life and after her death I give it to her children forever.

7th, I lend to my daughter Rebiana Swift 80 acres of land lying in Shelby County, Ohio, being the West half of the South East quarter of Section five, township Seven, South, and Range No 6 East during her life and after her death, I give it to her children forever.

8th, I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Sally Brown the undivided half of the South East quarter of Section No 36 in Township No 1 South and Range No 3 East lying in Van Wert County, Ohio.

9th, I give and bequeath to my two granddaughters Agnes and Julia Brown jointly the other half of the aforesaid quarter Section.

10th, I desire that all my personal property except my wagon be sold after the death of my wife and my Executors paid their fees out of it and all debts that may be against my estate, and the balance if any equally divided between all my children that may then be living.

11th, I give and devise unto my grandchildren Julia, Sarah Ann, Sally and James Worthington Brown 160 acres of land lying in Van Wert County, Ohio, being the S.E. quarter of the S.W. quarter of Section No. 11 in Township No. 3 (Willshire) South and Range No. 1 East, and the East half of the N.W. quarter and the S.W. quarter of the N.W. quarter of Section No. 14 Township No. 3 (Willshire) South and Range No. 1 East, to be equally divided between them when they become of age.

12th, I give my wagon to those to whom I have given my old farm towit Samuel, Richard, Polly Baker and Elizabeth Greene to be used by them in Common.

13th, I reserve one half acre of land for a grave yard to be laid off in a square form where the graveyard now is: no matter whose lot it may fall in.

14th, and I hereby appoint Aaron Lambert and John Birt, executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do also revoke all other Wills and Testaments by me made and do declare this to be my only Will and Testament signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses.

Witnesses

Godfrey Brown

Samuel T. Owens  
Thomas B. Cummings  
Joseph Boots

Court of Common Pleas of Green County Ohio of the February term of the year 1843.

Personally appeared in open Court Samuel T. Owens and Joseph Boots subscribing witnesses of the last Will and Testament of Godfrey Brown deceased late of said County who being duly sworn deposes and say that they subscribed said Will as Witnesses on the 2nd day of January 1843 in the presence of the said Testator and of each other and at the Testator's request, that they saw Samuel T. Owens subscribe said Will for said Testator the said Testator's special request and in his presence that said Testator was more than twenty one years of age of sound mind and memory and under no restraint.

Samuel T. Owens

Joseph Boots

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court Feb. 20 1843.

T. Marshall, Clerk

By - Elijah Labin, Dep.

SAMUEL BROWN SR.

"A Minister and a Farmer"

He was born a slave in the year of 1799, in Brunswick County Va. He died in 1870, at the Brown Homestead in Caesar Creek Township Green County, Ohio, about seven miles south east of Xenia, Ohio. And was buried in the family Grave Yard.

He helped his father clear off the land where they lived, and he also helped his father build the Middle Run Church.

He was married twice having three children by his first wife, and their names were - Alexander, Silas and Louisa.

His second wife Eliza (Brandom) Brown, she was white and she was a full blooded Irish Woman and she came to this country from a small town in Ireland, and she bore him six children, William, James, Samuel Jr., Victoria, Lincoln and Laura.

He came along with his father Godfrey Brown to Lima, Ohio, and he also bought land from the Government located in Van Wert, County, Ohio. His deeds were signed by the President of the United States Martin Van Buren, he owned the following tracts of land --

| Acres | Year | Section | Township  | County   | State |
|-------|------|---------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 40    | 1837 | No. 11  | Willshire | Van Wert | Ohio  |
| 40    | 1837 | No. 14  | Willshire | Van Wert | Ohio  |
| 120   | 1839 | No. 36  | Hoaglin   | Van Wert | Ohio  |
| 41    | 1839 | No. 1   | Ridge     | Van Wert | Ohio  |

This gave him a total of 241 acres in Van Wert County and he inherited 60 acres from his father, the N. E. part of the Homestead.

He also raised three homeless boys that he inspired and trained as Ministers, and they were Rev. Peter Everett, Rev. Samuel Thomas and Rev. Alexander Woodley.

COPY OF WILL

Samuel Brown Sr.

Deceased

The following is a copy of the Last Will and Testament of Said deceased:

Will

I, Samuel Brown, of the county of Green and State of Ohio, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in words and manner following to-wit:

First. I will that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Eliza, three horses and three cows to be selected by herself; and all of my farming implements and my household furniture.

Third. I give and devise unto my said wife in lieu of her dower the farm on which we now reside situated Ceasar Creek Township, Green County, State of Ohio, Containing about sixty acres, during her natural life, she remaining unmarried with all the rents issues and profits thereof.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my grandson, John W. Jackson, one hundred dollars now in the charge of my said wife to be put out to interest and the interest paid him annually until he arrives at the age of twenty-one.

Fifth. I give and devise to my son Alexander and his heirs and assigns forever the following real estate situated in the county of Van Wert, in the State of Chio, to-wit:- The south-east quarter of the North-east quarter of Section No. 1, Town No. 2 Range No. 3. Containing forty acres.

Sixth. I give and devise to my sons, William H. and James R. their heirs and assigns the following real estate situated in the County of Van Wert, State of Chio, to-wit: The S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section No. 11, Town 3, Range No. 1, and the N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section No. 14, Town No. 3, Range No. 1, to be equally and so divided between them that each shall have forty acres, with an equal quantity to timber and prairie, and in the event of either of them dying without heirs his part shall go to the survivor and his heirs and assigns and should he decease without heirs it shall be divided amongst the other of my heirs.

Seventh, I give and devise to my sons Samuel H. and Lincoln Fremont, on the decease of my said wife, or in case of her marrying again the farm described in the Third section of this instrument, to be divided by a line running east and west so that each shall have thirty acres or about thirty acres.

Eighth. I give and devise unto my son Silas G. for and during his natural life the following real estate situated in the county of Green and State of Ohio, to-wit: The lot now occupied by him situated on the South side of Church Street in the City of Xenia and on his decease to his daughter Lilla, her heirs and assigns.

Nineth. I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Eliza executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I hereby revoke any Will heretofore executed by me.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-nine (1869).

Tenth. I give and devise to my two daughters Victoria and Laura and my said wife during her natural life (and remaining unmarried) the rents issues and profits of the house and lot situated at the forks of roads leading to Jamestown and New Jasper in the city of Xenia, Green County, Ohio, and in the event the decease of my said wife or marrying I devise the said property to my said daughters and their heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of June A. D. 1869.

(SEAL)

his  
Samuel X Brown  
mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged by Samuel Brown as his last Will and Testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence.

A. H. Brundage

Francis Harris

Aubel B. Clark

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| GOLDFREY BROWN SR.  | (Wife Chaney)        |
| SAMUEL BROWN SR.  | 1st(Wife )           |
| ALEXANDER BROWN   | 1st(Wife )           |
| MARY (BROWN) HAMILTON<br>(Mollie)                                       | (Husb Newton B. Dr.) |
| BOOKER T. HAMILTON<br>122 Bank St. Dayton, Ohio                         | (Wife Goldie Cromer) |
| JOANN (HAMILTON) MEALY<br>1518 St. Ledger Pl., Cincinnati, Ohio         | (Husb Robert )       |
| Marc Mealy  |                      |
| Steven Mealy  |                      |
| -----   |                      |
| MARILYN JEAN (HAMILTON) MURRAY<br>1518 St. Ledger Pl., Cincinnati, Ohio | (Husb Forest )       |
| no children   |                      |

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

ALEXANDER BROWN 1st (Wife )

MARY (BROWN) HAMILTON (Husband Newton B.)  
(Mollie) (Dec)

NEWTON HAMILTON Jr. (Wife Alice)

R.F.D. #2, Wilmington, Ohio

NEWTON HAMILTON Jr. III (D)

CORTEZ HAMILTON (Wife Daley Venerable)

R.F.D. #2, Wilmington, Ohio

(No Children)

MARY ALICE (HAMILTON) JOHNS (Husband William)

R.F.D. #2, Wilmington, Ohio

Althea Rhonda Johns

ALMA JANE (HAMILTON) GRACE (Husband Jack Spicer  
Edward Grace)

R.F.D. #2, Wilmington, Ohio

John J. Spicer

Alice Jane Spicer

Danielia Louise Grace

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

ALEXANDER BROWN (Wife )

MARY (BROWN) HAMILTON (Husband Newton B.)  
(Mollie) (Doc)

R.F.D. #2, Wilmington, Ohio

GERTRUDE ELANE (HAMILTON) FRISCO (Husband Marvin)

3510 West 17th St., Los Angeles, California

Marvin Frisco Jr. III

Kevin Randel Frisco

Kimberly Caye Frisco

ROLAND HAMILTON (Wife )

R.F.D. #2, Wilmington, Ohio

GODFREY ERGWY SR. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL ERGWY SR. (Wife Eliza)

ALEXANDER ERGWY= (Wife )

MARY (ERGWY) HAMILTON (Husband Newton B.)  
(Mollie) (Doc)

ALMA (HAMILTON) ABRAMS (Husband )  
463 Cuyahoga Street, Akron, Ohio  
(No Children)

ALICE (HAMILTON) LINDSAY (Husband )  
525 Cuyahoga Street, Akron, Ohio  
(No Children)

GERTRUDE (HAMILTON) LANE (D) (Husband Lester)  
516 E. Third Street, Xenia, Ohio  
(No Children)

CARL HAMILTON (D)

CASSIE HAMILTON (D)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

ALEXANDER BROWN 2nd (Wife Anna)

IDA (BROWN) SHIELDS (Husband William)

ESTHER (SHIELDS) BROWN (Husband T.J. Brown)

608 E. 5th Place, Apt. 2, Chicago, Ill (old)  
7249 S. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill (new)

(No Children)

BERNICE (SHIELDS) SPEARMAN (D) (Husband David)

116600 Glen Park, Cleveland 2, Ohio

(No Children)

VIOLA (SHIELDS) BARNWELL (Husband Henry)

2200 Germantown Ave., Dayton, Ohio

(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

ALEXANDER BROWN 2nd (Wife Anna)

IDA (BROWN) SHIELDS

MIRIAM (SHIELDS) GRIGSBY (Husband Dr. Frederick)

1001 3rd Street, S.W. Apt. 608, Washington, D. C.  
Town Center Plaza

Loyce Ida Grigsby

Thirza Maria Grigsby

Frederick Grigsby Jr.

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LOYCE (SHIELDS) WOODARD (D)-1965 (Husband Dr. Spurgeon  
Woodard)

821 Hampton Ave., Newport News, Va.

Spurgeon Woodard Jr.

Rodney Woodard

Linda Woodard

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN SR. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

ALEXANDER BROWN 2nd (Wife Anna)

SAMUEL BROWN ( )

(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

ALEXANDER BROWN 2nd (Wife Anna)

MARY MARIE BROWN ( )

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

SILAS G. BROWN (Wife Rhoda)

LILLA (BROWN) JACKSON (Husband Henry Ewing)  
2nd- (Husband )

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

LUCISA (BROWN) JACKSON (Husband )

JOHN W. JACKSON

(No record)

WILLIAM H. BROWN

Born 1854      Died 1930

JAMES R. BROWN

Born 1856      Died 1910

"They Were Both Farmers"

They were born on their father's farm of which he inherited from their grandfather, Godfrey Brown, Sr., located about seven miles southeast of Xenia, Ohio, in Caesar Creek Township, Green County, Ohio.

Their father, Samuel, died in 1870. William was only sixteen and James R fourteen years of age. They were quite young but with the help of their mother they farmed the home place.

In the Spring of 1874, William, just twenty and James eighteen years old, their mother helped them and they bought a team of horses and a spring wagon and they drove this team of horses and wagon, carrying their supplies from their home in Green County, Ohio to the eighty acre tract of land that they had inherited from their father in Section No. 11 and 14, Willshire Township, Van Wert County, Ohio.

The first thing they did after arriving here was to build a log house and clear off a patch of ground so they could raise enough food to live on. All of this land had timber on it and it had to be cleared off.

In the year of 1863, this colored community had enough people living in it that they organized a Church, calling it the "SECOND ZION BAPTIST CHURCH" and these two brothers helped to build this Church. James built a new home just south of the Church in 1901 and in 1904 William built a new home north of the Church.

William H. married Alice Pettiford and they were blessed with eleven children: - Maela, Raymond, Alvartie, Eossie, Andrew, Godfrey, Elmer, Omer, Harvey, Lincoln and Dorothy. He raised nine of these to maturity.

Alice Pettiford Brown, the wife of William H., was born November 18, 1871 in Willshire Township, Van Wert County, Ohio. The daughter of James and Margaret Pettiford and she was raised on her father's farm, one-half mile east of Glenmore, Ohio, Willshire Township. She died March 23, 1952.

William H. Brown and his wife Alice and five of their children, Raymond, Alvartie, Godfrey, Omer and Lincoln are buried in the Greenbrier Cemetery, one mile south of Glenmore, Ohio in Willshire Township, Van Wert County.

James R. Brown married Belle Pettiford. She was the daughter of James and Margaret Pettiford and a sister to Alice Pettiford, William's wife. James R. and Belle had no children.

James R. Brown is buried in the Greenbrier Cemetery, as described above. He got married in 1893.

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

WILLIAM H. BROWN (Wife Alice)

MAELA A. (BROWN) STEWART (Husband Hyram)

517 N. Race Street, Van Wert, Ohio

WILLIAM STEWART (Wife Doris Webb)

1519 W. Spring Street, Lima, Ohio

Susan Stewart

William Stewart Jr.

Kathleen Stewart

DOROTHY STEWART (Husband )

116600 Glen Park, Cleveland, Ohio

ALICE STEWART (Husband )

517 N. Race Street, Van Wert, Ohio

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

WILLIAM H. BROWN (Wife Alice Pettiford)

BESSIE M. (BROWN) BEVERLY (Husband Earl)

402 E. Sycamore St., Van Wert, Ohio

MARY (BEVERLY) UPSHAW (Husband Walter)

402 E. Sycamore Street, Van Wert, Ohio

Brenda Kay Beverly

EARL BEVERLY Jr. (Wife Betty Hywarden)

405 Baldwin Ave., Paulding, Ohio

Earl Charles Beverly Jr. III

Leslie Maria Beverly

Gregory Allen Beverly

Timothy Kent Beverly

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

WILLIAM H. BROWN (Wife Alice Pettiford)

ANDREW E. BROWN (Wife Pearl)  
(Wife Anna)

431 W. Marion Ave., Youngstown, Ohio

(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

WILLIAM H. BROWN (Wife Alice Pettiford)

ELMER BROWN (Wife Catherine Baker)

222 S. Pierce Street, Lima, Ohio

DORIS MARIE (BROWN) WALKER (Husband Dr. Owen)

871½ E. Long Street, Columbus, Ohio  
Ph - CL 3-4685

Cathy M. Walker

Gayle M. Walker

GODFREY ER OWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL ER OWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

WILLIAM H. ER OWN (Wife Alice Pettiford)

HARVEY A. ER OWN Sr. (Wife Marjorie Worthington)

R.F.D. #1, Ohio City, Ohio

HARVEY E. ER OWN (Wife Leona Cain)

R.F.D. #1, Ohio City, O.

Shelia Brown, Tony, Diana, Phyllis, Brain, Tracey

CAROL JOAN (ER OWN) WILLIAMS (Billing sley) (Husband James) Ernest B. Hingsby

N. Tyler Street, Van Wert, Ohio  
Rene, Daria Williams

DONALD E. ER OWN

Shellie, Derrick, Nichole wife Sue

BETTY JANE(ER OWN)(Jackson) Nelson (Husband Bill)  
Charles, Tonya, Jackson - chant Nelson (Husband Richard)

JULIA ANN(ER OWN)(Conner) Turner  
Steven Conner  
Jeff

MARGARET ALICE ER OWN

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)  
WILLIAM H. BROWN (Wife Alice Pettiford)  
DOROTHY (BROWN) BURCH (Husband Jethro)

213 E. Fremont Street, Fostoria, Ohio

BAREARA (BURCH) LONG 2nd (Husband Lawrence)

919 Buckley Street, Fostoria, Ohio

Rhonda

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BETTY (BURCH) GARNES (Husband William)

Findlay, Ohio

William Garnes Jr.

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JETHRO BURCH Jr.

LELA (BURCH) CRAWFORD (Husband Roger)

933 Prospect Ave., Toledo, Ohio

Roger Crawford Jr.

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LOIS BURCH

CAROLYN (BURCH) Jones  
Lewis, Catherine, Nathan Jones

CATHERINE BURCH  
Carolyn Atoka Burch

DEBORAH BURCH  
Camille, Stacy W

Husband

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

WILLIAM H. BROWN (Wife Alice Pettiford)

RAYMOND BROWN (D) at 4 months (Twin to Maela)

ALVERTIE BROWN (D) 1 year (3rd Child)

GODFREY BROWN (D) 22 years (6th Child)

OMER BROWN (D) 20 years (Twin to Elmer)

LINCOLN BROWN (D) 26 years (10th Child)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

JAMES RICHARD BROWN (Wife Belle Pettiford)

(No Children)

MRS. BELLE (BROWN) SCOTT (D)

11922 Kingsford Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

REV. SAMUEL BROWN JR.

Born April 15, 1858      Died

He was a Minister and the son of Samuel and Eliza Brown, and was born on his father's farm, which was a part of the Godfrey Brown Sr. HOMESTEAD, located about seven miles southease of Xenia, Ohio in Caesar Creek Township, Green County, Ohio. He was just a small boy when his father died and by his father being a Minister and through the prayers of his good Christian mother, it must have inspired him to be a Minister.

He lived at Chillicothe for several years pastoring a church there. He was united in marriage three times. The first wife                   , the second, Ann Rice, and the third wife, Anna Stewart, who was blessed with nine children: Irvin, Virgil, Stewart, Frederica, Alyne, Hazel, Viola, Gladys and Lillian. The first and second wife had no children.

He and his brother Lincoln inherited their father's home place after their mother's death - each receiving thirty acres.

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

SAMUEL BROWN Jr. 2nd (Wife Ann Rice)

IRVIN BROWN (Wife )

(address Unknown)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

SAMUEL BROWN Jr. 2nd (Wife Ann Rice)  
3rd (Wife Ann Stewart)

VIRGIL BROWN (Wife Ina Gantz)  
(D)

Virgil Brown, Jr.

6225 12th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Roger Brown (Wife Pauline)

763 Elmhurst Road, Dayton, Ohio

Irma (Brown) Price (Husband James)

5518 Spokane Street, Apt. 3, Los Angeles, California

Gary Price

Rene' Price

Sherri Price

GODFREY ERGWYN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

= SAMUEL ERGWYN Sr. 2nd (Wife Eliza)

SAMUEL ERGWYN Jr. (Wife Ann Rice)

STEWART ERGWYN (Wife )  
(Address Unknown)

Stewart Brown Jr.

Godfrey Brown

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GODFREY ERGWYN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL ERGWYN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

SAMUEL ERGWYN Jr. (Wife Ann Rice)

FREDERICA (ERGWYN) BUTLER (Husband Lawrence)

1237 N. Franklin Street, Columbus, O.

John David Butler

Bernadette Butler

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

SAMUEL BROWN Jr. (Wife Ann Rice)

ALYNE (BROWN) LETT (Husband James)

336 S. Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

James Lett Jr. (Wife )

Margaret Lett

Virginia (Lett) Broady (Husband )

Phillip Broady

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

SAMUEL BROWN Sr. (Wife Eliza)

SAMUEL BROWN Jr. 2nd (Wife Ann Rice)

HAZEL (BROWN)JACKSON (Husband )  
(D) (D)

Robert Jackson (Wife )  
10110 Ostend, Cleveland, Ohio

Joice Jackson

Robert Jackson, Jr.

Kenneth Jackson (Wife )  
9703 Parkgate, Cleveland, Ohio

Richard Jackson

Ann Louise (Jackson) Jarvis (Husband )  
10110 Ostend, Cleveland, Ohio

Shereyl Jarvis

Richard Jackson  
(D)

SCOTTIE BROWN SR. (wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (wife Eliza)  
SAMUEL BROWN JR. (2nd wife Ann)

VIOLA BROWN (Deceased)

GIADYS BROWN (Deceased)

LILLIAN BROWN (Deceased)

VICTORIA BROWN

Born: May 16, 1861 Died:

She was the daughter of Samuel Brown Sr. She was born on her father's farm South East of Xenia, Ohio Caesar Creek Township, Green County, Ohio. She was very young when her father died.

She was united in marriage to John Walker a farmer that lived on a farm South of Xenia, Ohio. They were blessed with three children: Ollie, Viola and Fred.

LAURA BROWN

Born: June 5th, 1864 Died:

She was the daughter of Samuel Brown Sr. She was born on her father's farm South East of Xenia, Ohio, Caesar Creek Township, Green County, Ohio. She was just a baby when her father died. She was never married, she died when she was only twenty years old and she was a pretty girl.

GODFREY BROWN SR. (wife Chaney )

SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Fannie )

VICTORIA (BROWN) WALKER (husb John )

OLIVER A. WALKER Deceased  
(never married)

VIOLA WALKER 585½ East Main Street, Xenia, Ohio  
(never married)

FRED WALKER (Deceased)

LINCOLN F. BROWN

Died: Dec 10, 1928      Born: Oct 7, 1866

He was the youngest son of Samuel Brown Sr., and was born on his father's farm, of which was a part of the Godfrey Brown Sr. Homestead, located about seven miles South East of Xenia, Ohio in Caesar Creek Township, Green County, Ohio. He was just a little boy when his father died. He stayed here on this farm with his mother as long as she lived and after her death he and his brother Samuel H. Jr., inherited the home place, each receiving thirty acres.

He was united in marriage to Ada Ward and was blessed with seven children: Herman, Harold, Charles, Eva, Mildred, Horce Robert (Born December 7, 1924 - Died December 26, 1928) and Mary.

He was still living on the home place at the time of his death.

Harold died 2/7/69

GODFREY BROWN SR. (Wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Eliza)  
LINCOLN F. BROWN (wife Ada)  
HERMAN BROWN (wife Mary Ellen)  
3104 Douglas Street, N. E.  
Washington, D.C.  
(no children)

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GODFREY BROWN SR. (wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Eliza)  
LINCOLN F. BROWN (wife Ada)  
HAROLD BRCWN (wife Laura)  
446 Columbus Road, Xenia, Ohio  
RONALD BRCWN  
DONALD BRCWN  
NORMA JEAN BROWN

COLFREY BROWN SR. (wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Eliza)  
LINCOLN F. BROWN (wife Ada)  
CHARLES BROWN (wife Eleanor)

617 Fairfield Pike, Yellow Springs, Ohio

RICHARD BROWN

CONNIE BROWN

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GODFREY BROWN SR. (wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Eliza)  
LINCOLN BROWN (wife Ada)  
HORCE RCBERT (Deceased)

GODFREY BROWN SR. (wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Elize)  
LINCOLN BROWN (wife Ada)  
EVA (BROWN) COLLINS (husband Leon)

1623 Varnum Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

JAMES L. COLLINS, Dr. (wife Beverly DeLugo) (son James L., Jr.)  
ANTOINETTE COLLINS 5200 4th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.  
(husband Keith Bowen)  
4870 Ft Totten Drive, N.E., Apt 201  
Washington, D. C.

SHEILA COLLINS

LEON COLLINS, JR.

DAVID COLLINS

DEBORAH COLLINS

PHILLIP COLLINS

GODFREY BROWN SR. (wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Eliza)  
LINCOLN F. BROWN (wife Ada)  
MILDRED (BROWN) JONES (husband Hugh)

1347 Somerset Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

KEITH JONES Born April 28, 1946

MICHAEL JONES Born January 11, 1954

CHERYL JONES Born August 14, 1955

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GODFREY BROWN SR. (wife Chaney)  
SAMUEL BROWN SR. (2nd wife Eliza)  
LINCOLN F. BROWN (wife Ada)  
MARY (BROWN) CHANDLER (husband William)

6120 New Hampshire Ave., N. E., Washington,  
D. C.

SEARON DENISE

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ADA WARD BROWN HURST WATKINS (Lincoln Brown's wife)

JOANNE (HURST) REYNOLDS (1 child by 2nd marriage)  
(husband LeRoy)  
(daughter Kathi Lynne)

4704 Southern Ave, S. E., Washington, D. C.

SALLY BROWN  
(no children)

MOSES BROWN  
(no children)

1st JOHN W. JACKSON (grandson)  
wife ALEXANDER BROWN  
SILAS G. BROWN

SAMUEL BROWN -----

WILLIAM H. BROWN  
JAMES R. BROWN

SAMUEL H. BROWN  
VICTORIA BROWN

2nd LINCOLN F. BROWN (Eliza)  
wife LAURA BROWN

BIBANAH or  
REBIANA (BROWN)  
SWIFT

CHANAY ANN SWIFT  
MARIA ANN SWIFT  
MOSES SWIFT  
SARAH (SWIFT) BRCWN  
JOHN SWIFT

RICHARD BROWN

GODFREY BROWN  
& WIFE  
CHANAY BRCWN

JULIA BROWN  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL  
SALLY BROWN  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BRCWN

MYLES BROWN  
(no children)

ELIZABETH (BROWN)  
GREEN

MOSES GREEN

POLLY (BROWN)  
BAKER

(children unknown)

JOSEPH BROWN

(no chidlren)

JULIA BROWN

(no children)

AGNES BROWN

(no children)

THE BROWN FAMILY TREE

|  |  | 1st wife<br>Mollie Hamilton              |
|--|--|--|
| Godfrey Brown Jr.                                  | G.son  | John W. Jackson                          |
| his son  | Son  | Alexander Brown---- Ida(Brown)           |
|  | Son  | Silas G. Brown                           |
| Samuel Brown (his son)                             | .....  | Samuel Brcwn                             |
| & wife - - - - -                                   | Son  | William H. Brown                         |
| Elizabeth Brown                                    | Son  | Mary Marie Brown                         |
|  | Son  | James R. Brown                           |
| Richard Brown (his son)                            | Daug   | Samuel H. Brown                          |
| Godfrey Brown<br>& wife -----                      | Son  | Victoria Brown                           |
| Chaney Brown                                       | Daug.  | Lincoln F. Brown                         |
|  |  | Laura Brown                              |
| Elizabeth (Brown) Green                            |  | (Godfrey B. bought from Govt.            |
| his daughter                                       |  | - Nov 17, 1833 - 80 acres of             |
| Rebiana (Brown) Swift                              |  | land lying in Shelby County              |
| his daughter                                       |  | being the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. |
|  |  | $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 7   |
|  |  | South and Range No 6 East)               |
| Sally Brown 80 A. S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 36     |  | (W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Theresia Dienst-       |
| Hoaglin Twp.                                       |  | berger)                                  |
|  |  | (E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Mable Farr)            |
| Godfrey Brown's Agnes B. (These two Gr. Daug. the) |  |  |
| Grandchildren                                      | Julia B. (other $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.) |  |
| Julia Brown (These got the 160 Acres               |  |  |
| Ann Brown (Sec. 11 & 14 Willshire Township)        |  |  |
| Sally Brown  |  |  |
| J. Worthington Brown                               |  |  |
| George W. Suel -Son                                |  |  |
| Mary A. Suel - daug- Lofton                        |  |  |
| Sarah A. Suel                                      | Cornelia (Suel) King daug (Born 1859)                |  |
| formerly   | John King  | These children got                       |
| Sarah A. Brown----                                 | Ann (Suel) Green (daug)                              | 35 acres 7 A. each of                    |
| (Born 1829)  | Simon Green  | the now Underwood place.                 |
| Lucinda (Suel)Bates (daug)                         |  |  |
| William Bates                                      |  |  |

## EARLY HISTORY OF MIDDLE RUN BAPTIST CHURCH AT XENIA, OHIO

At the beginning of the 19th Century, in the State of Virginia, there lived, worked, prayed and preached, a young Negro slave, called Godfrey Brown. We do not know the date of Godfrey's birth, but we do know that his parents lived during the time of George Washington and that they belonged to a rich family of Agriculturists and Tobacco Planters, who were kind to their slaves, allowing them all the privileges of family life in their cabins, and of saving for their own use, any extra money they could make.

Godfrey Brown and his wife reared a family, we know of three sons and two daughters. These sons and daughters were strong, willing laborers and helped their parents keep up the required amount of work for their owners and by working at night and hiring out to other planters, they earned and saved a large sum of money. After Godfrey's parents were dead, his master told him and his wife that they would be allowed to purchase the freedom of themselves and their families if they could save enough money to do so. They continued to work and save until the spring of 1822, when they paid to their master \$5,650.00 for the freedom of themselves and children. Thanking God and their Christian former owners for the legal papers, which allowed them to go where they chose to make their new homes, they came to Ohio, bringing with them a tobacco box of paper money, some fine horses, and their household goods. Ohio had not been a State very long then and land was cheap. Godfrey Brown bought hundreds of acres of land and started the Brown Settlement, seven miles southeast of Xenia. This was one of the first Negro settlements in Ohio and the first one in this part of the State. The oldest son of Godfrey Brown, Samuel, was also called to preach and father and son often went to Chillicothe and every new settlement, white or colored, for miles around where they preached and became well known to Ohio Pioneers.

In the fall of 1822, after the log houses were built for his own family, Godfrey Brown and his sons, Samuel, Richard and Moses, chose a section of ground between two branches of a stream or run of water to lay the foundation of a church where they could better serve and praise God and rear their children to Christian manhood and womanhood. These men built this church, named it, on the account of its special location, the "Middle Run Baptist Church," and held a great service, by which it was prayerfully and gloriously dedicated to the future service of God. Though very illiterate in book learning, Godfrey Brown could read parts of the Bible, he was gifted with the power of the Spirit, and he even preached in Xenia's first Court House to the old white settlers. His sons and daughters and their families soon made a good sized community with homes of plenty and a Church and School House. After Godfrey Brown died, a section of land was set apart for "God's Acre", where their dead might rest near. Rev. Samuel Brown, the oldest son, was the father of Alexander, Silas, Louisa, William, Richard, Victoria, Samuel Jr., Laura and Lincoln Brown. Rev. Samuel Brown was the grandfather and great grandfather of all the Brown descendants living now - these have some cousins who are the grandchildren of his brother, Uncle Dicky Brown, and sister, Aunt Elizabeth Green. Besides this family, other families moved near Brown Settlement and attended Middle Run Church and the settlement School. Our grandfather, not only served God by preaching, but he worked hard and reared, besides his own

large family, three homeless boys who, with his son, Samuel, he inspired and trained as Ministers of the Gospel - these were Rev. Peter Everett, Rev Samuel Thomas and Rev. Alexander Woodley, who have gone to their reward.

For many years, the colored people of Xenia and vicinity used to go to Brown Settlement to great basket meetings, where the gospel was preached and many rejoiced in serving the Master. There are not many members of the old Brown family who can be here at Middle Run Church to worship with you, to praise the same God that Godfrey Brown loved and served so faithfully.

We are proud to see Middle Run Church prospering and doing what she can for Christ in her community. The spirits of Godfrey and Samuel Brown are pleased with the growth of the seed they planted. The old fathers of this church were filled with the Spirit of God - they could not have gone through life and never touched the vast work that Christ wants done for His Kingdom building; let us do our part as they did theirs, and in the end, accept the victory of Eternal Life.

IDA B. SHIELDS.

Read 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
"1922"

BIBANAH or REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT

Born 1801      Died

She was born a Slave in Brunswick County, Virginia and she was freed on the first day of January, 1823. She was the daughter of Godfrey Brown, Sr. She came with the family to Caesar Creek Township, Green County, Ohio.

She was united in marriage to a man by the name of Swift and was blessed with five children: Chaney Ann, Maria Ann, Moses, John and Sarah.

She inherited eighty acres in Shelby County, Ohio after the death of her father in 1843.

ELIZABETH (BROWN) GREEN

Born 1811      Died

She was born a Slave in Brunswick County, Virginia, and she became free in 1832. She was the daughter of Godfrey Brown, Sr. We do not know at which time that this child was brought to Green County, Ohio, because she was freed on the date she became twenty-one.

She was united in marriage to a man by the name of Green, and was blessed with children: Moses, the only one known.

She inherited sixty acres from her father Godfrey Brown of his homestead.

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She has two names on record. On the record of the deed when she was freed her name was BIBANAH, and in her father's will, REBIANA.

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband)

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

MAGGIE (HUFFMAN) CLARK (Husband Elmer A.  
Clark)

404 Lawrence St., Bellefontaine, O.

CONSUEILLA (CLARK) SIMPSON

945 West 35th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Theodore Simpson, Jr.

945 West 35th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Jackie Simpson (Daughter)

Janet Simpson

THELMA (CLARK) WALKER (Husband Elwood)

506 S. 12th Street, Richmond, Ind.

Thomas Walker (Wife Bernice)

506 S. 12th Street, Richmond, Ind.

Cynthe Walker

Connie Walker

George Walker

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

MAGGIE (HUFFMAN) CLARK (Husband Elmer A.  
Clark)

404 Lawrence Street, Bellefontaine,  
Ohio

ELMERLEAN (CLARK) ROGERS (Husband Clatus)

522 E. Third Street, Springfield, Ohio

Patricia Rogers

Michael Rogers

ERNSTINE (CLARK) SPROTT (Husband Dr. Edward  
Sprott, Jr.)  
2395 Cartwright St., Beaumont, Texas

Edward Sprott, Jr., III

Nancy Jo Sprott

Antoinette Sprott

Warren Thomas Sprott

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

MAGGIE (HUFFMAN) CLARK (Husband Elmer A.  
Clark)

404 Lawrence St., Bellefontaine,  
Ohio

GEORGE CLARK 1st (Wife Jacqueline)  
2nd (Wife Ellen)  
936 West Meenicke St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(By First Wife)

Denise Clark

(By Second Wife)

Wanda Clark

Gayle Clark

Deborah Clark

Lynett Clark

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

HOPIE (HUFFMAN) BRAMBLETT (Husband Arthur)  
(D)

MABLE (BRAMBLETT) HILL (Husband )

Cleveland, Ohio

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

ROBERT HUFFMAN (D)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louise)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

GEORGIE (HUFFMAN) STEWART (Husband John)

820 W. Sandusky St., Bellefontaine,  
Ohio

MARIE (STEWART) GREEN (Husband Irvin)

5370 Seeboldt St., Detroit 4, Michigan

Erma (Green) ..... (Husband )

Marylan (Green) ..... (Husband )

Irvin Green, Jr.

JOSEPHINE (STEWART) WASHINGTON (Husband Herbert)

717 Garfield St., Bellefontaine, Ohio

William Washington

Herbert Washington, Jr.

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

GEORGIA (HUFFMAN) STEWART (Husband John)

820 W. Sandusky St., Bellefontaine,  
Ohio

JOHN STEWART, JR. (Wife May Cobb)

821 Railroad Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio

Ronnie Stewart

GRACE (STEWART) ROCKHOLD 1st (Husband Edgar McGee);  
2nd (Husband Alvin  
Rockhold)

138 Jamestown, Ohio

(Children by 1st Husband)

Susie McGee

Iona McGee

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA(SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

ETHEL (HUFFMAN) WILLIAMS (Husband )

John St., Youngstown, Ohio

(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

MINNIE (HUFFMAN) NEWSOME 1st (Husband )  
2nd (Husband Noah  
Newsome)

805 W. William St., Bellefontaine,  
Ohio

(No Children)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

WILLIAM HUFFMAN (D) (Wife Minnie)

(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

IDA (HUFFMAN) EDWARDS (Husband )

(No Children)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

DEWEY HUFFMAN (Wife Dorothy)

701 Albert St., Bellefontaine, O.

MAYBELLE (HUFFMAN) HOUZE (Husband )

MICHAEL HUFFMAN

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

LOUISA (SWIFT) HUFFMAN (Husband George)

ZORA (HUFFMAN) PRISBEY (Husband Ray )

(No Children)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

ALICE (SWIFT) CLOUD 1st (Husband William  
McGuffy)  
2nd (Husband William  
Cloud)

(Children by 1st Wife)

VIRGIL McGUFFY

LORENZO McGUFFY

..... (Daughter)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

JOHN SWIFT (Wife Louisa)

SARAH (SWIFT) HERRON (Husband Lewis)  
(Sisie) ..

EVA (HERRON) JAMES 1st (Husband Walter  
Jones)  
2nd (Husband John James)  
(Her Son)

Lewis Green

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

CHANAY ANN SWIFT ( )  
(No children)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

MARIA ANN SWIFT ( )  
(No children)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

MOSES SWIFT (Wife )  
Lancaster, Ohio  
ANN (SWIFT) BEASLEY (Husband )  
Lancaster, Ohio

(GREEN) GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

ELIZABETH (BROWN) GREEN (Husband )

MOSES GREEN  
Springfield, ohio

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

SARAH (SWIFT) BROWN (Husband William  
Born 1825 Henry)  
Married 1844 (No relation known  
to Godfrey Brown  
family)  
Born 1822.

ISREAL JOHN BROWN (Wife )  
Born 1844  
N. Chestnut St., Van Wert, Ohio

FRED BROWN (Wife Effie)

2292 E. 89th Street, Cleveland, Ohio  
(No Children)

ADA (BROWN) WILLIAMS (Husband Elmore)

N. Chestnut St., Van Wert, Ohio  
(Present Address: Mental Hospital, Toledo, O.)

(No Children)

ESSIE (BROWN) MORRISON (Husband Edward)

N. Chestnut St., Van Wert, Ohio

Robert Morrison (adopted child)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIANA (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband )

SARAH (SWIFT) BROWN (Husband William  
Born 1825 Henry. No relation  
Married 1844 known to Godfrey  
Brown family)

ISREAL JOHN BROWN (Wife )

Born 1844

N. Chestnut St., Van Wert, Ohio

ORA ELLA (BROWN) THOMAS (Husband )

WALTER THOMAS (Wife Carrie  
Columbus, Ohio Nelson)

Leanah (Thomas) Hardmon (Husband Kish)

R.R. #2, Ohio City, Ohio

Steven Hardmon

John Hardmon

CATHERINE THOMAS

156 N. 20th Street, Columbus, Ohio

VICTOR THOMAS Mental Institution

DEWITT THOMAS South America

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

BIBANAH (OR)  
REBIAH (BROWN) SWIFT (Husband Swift)

SARAH (SWIFT) BROWN (Husband William  
Born 1825 Henry. No relation  
Married 1844 known to Godfrey  
Brown family)

ANN MARIA JANE BROWN Born 1845

MARY ELLEN BROWN Born 1846

JAMES EBBER BROWN Born 1848

SARAH ELIZABETH BROWN Born 1850

FRANCES ANN BROWN Born 1852

WILLIAM HENRY BROWN, JR. Born 1853

GODFREY BROWN Jr.,

"A Farmer"

Born 1805      Died 1842

He was born a Slave in Brunswick County, Virginia, and the son of Godfrey Sr. and Chaney Brown. He became free in the year of 1826. He came with his father to Green County, Ohio and helped to build and clear the timber off of the two hundred fifty-four acre Homestead.

He helped also to build the little log Church which they called the MIDDLE RUN CHURCH.

He was united in marriage to \_\_\_\_\_ and was blessed with four children: Julia, Sarah Ann, Sally and James Worthington.

He died when he was just a young man and was buried in the little cemetery on the Homestead.

His four children inherited one hundred sixty acres of land lying in Willshire Township, Van Wert County, Ohio.

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )

SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )

Born 1829  
Died August 27, 1858

CORNELIA (SUEL) KING (Husband John)

BERT KING 1st (Wife Bessie  
Hickerson)  
(One Child) 2nd (Wife Amy Black)  
3rd (Wife Irene Graham)  
1231 W. Spring Street, Lima, Ohio

FRAUNCELLE (KING) STANFORD (Husband )

Jacques M. Stanford

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )

SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )

CORNELIA (SUEL) KING (Husband John)

LETTY KING ( )

1231 W. Spring Street, Lima, O.  
(Never Married)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
CORNELIA (SUEL) KING (Husband John)  
FRANCILL KING (D)

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GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
CORNELIA (SUEL) KING (Husband John)  
Born Feb. 19, 1859  
ROBY (KING) HOPSON 1st (Husband Walter L.  
Malone)  
(D) 2nd (Husband Jerald)  
857 Blair Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

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GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
CORNELIA (SUEL) KING (Husband John)  
EFFIE (KING) WILSON 1st (Husband Arthur Ray)  
(Three Children)  
2nd (Husband Frank)  
32-24 104th St., E. Elmhurst,  
Long Island, N.Y.

DOROTHY ELIZABETH RAY (D)

MONTE RAY

MARGARITE (RAY) WILLIAMS 1st (Husband William  
Coteman)  
2nd (Husband )  
3rd (Husband John Wms.)

Michael Williams

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
LUCINDA (SUEL) BATES (Husband William)  
Born May 12, 1854  
OSCAR BATES 1st (Wife Laurabelle  
Smith)  
719 W. Caroline St., Paulding, O.  
BERNADINE (BATES) ANGELETTI (Husband Theogene)  
2444 Jackson Street, Gary, Ind.  
6222 S. Harper Ave., Apt. 2, Chicago 37, Ill.  
WILLIAM BATES 1st (Wife Gladys Mary)  
2nd (Wife Melverine)  
3rd (Wife Lula Jear)  
W. Wall Street, Paulding Ohio  
(Children by 1st wife)  
William Bates Jr. ( )  
R.R. #3, Delavan, Wisconsin  
(Children by 2nd Wife)  
Jacqueline Bates  
Victoria Wilhelmina Bates

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
LUCINDA (SUEL) BATES (Husband William)  
Born May 12, 1854  
OSCAR BATES 2nd (Wife Buelah Thomas)  
719 W. Caroline St., Paulding, O.  
JANE (BATES) GLADNEY (Husband Alden)  
2014 62nd St., Kenosha, Wisconsin  
Roslyn Gladney  
..... Gladney  
OSCAR BATES Jr. ( )  
2244 Benton St., Kansas City, Mo.  
HENRY BATES (Wife Percy)  
2117 Delaware St., Gary, Ind.  
Sharon Bates  
Henry Bates Jr.  
William Courtney Bates  
Vina Jean Bates  
Roseita Bates.  
----- Bates  
----- Bates

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GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
LUCINDA (SUEL) BATES (Husband William)  
Born May 12, 1854  
WILLIAM BATES Jr. (Wife Julia Hunter)  
(No Children)  
CHARLES BATES 1st (Wife.....Skelton)  
2nd (Wife Solonia Brown)  
Blanch (Bates) ..... (Husband )  
EARNEST BATES (D) (Wife Marinda Brown)  
1123 Jewett St., Woodstock, Ill.  
Earnest Bates Jr. (Wife Mavis)  
Rhoda D. Bates  
Rhonda D. Bates  
Marinda M. Bates  
(Single - at home)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
ANN J. (SUEL) GREEN (Husband Simon)  
Born July 21, 1857 Born Oct. 6, 1845  
ALVIN GREEN Died 1932  
(Wife Ada )

387 W. Wall St., Paulding, O.

SIMON GREEN (Wife Vivadene)

314 Hill St., Jackson, Michigan

Alvin Green

Ronnie Green

Sherron Green

HELEN FLORABELL (GREEN) DUNGY (Husband Alvie)

1823 River St., Jackson, Michigan

Alvie Dungy Jr.

Beverly Dungy

ARLETHA L. (GREEN) DUNGY (Husband Rev. Harold)  
1823 River Street, Jackson, Michigan

(No Children)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
ANN J. (SUEL) GREEN (Husband Simon)  
Born July 21, 1857 Born Oct. 6, 1845  
Died 1932  
DAISY GREEN 1st (Husband Tom  
Jackson)  
(2 Children) 2nd (Husband Charles  
Dickens)  
3rd (Husband Oliver  
Green)

27 Providence Road, Yeadon, Pa.

DR. HELEN O. (DICKENS) HENDERSON (Husband Dr. Purvis  
Henderson)

27 Providence Road, Yeadon, Pa.

Heler Jane Henderson

CHARLES DICKENS (Wife June P.)

1025 W. 5th St., Dayton 7, Ohio

Charles W. Dickens Jr.

Donald D. Dickens

Judith R. Dickens

Russell P. Dickens

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SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
ANN J. (SUEL) GREEN (Husband Simon)  
Born July 21, 1857 Born Oct. 6, 1845  
Died 1932  
WILLIAM GREEN (Wife Kate Grant)  
Anna (Green) Wattley (Husband )

Dear Grant Green

GEORGE GREEN (Never Married)

517 W. Jackson St., Paulding, Ohio

MARSHALL GREEN (Wife Ethel Brown)

659 Bolander Ave., Dayton, Ohio

Paul Green

PEARL (GREEN) WILLIAMS 1st (Husband Anthony  
Pachaco)  
2nd (Husband O. Eugene  
Williams)

4609 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

(No Children)

ROBERT GREEN 1st (Wife Olivia Green)  
2nd (Wife Blanch Young)  
3rd (Wife Martha Jane  
Casey)

449 Dalmar St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Robert Green Jr.

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Godfrey Brown - my great-great-great-grandfather. (his son) 1768-1843 died at 75

Samuel Brown - my great-great-grandfather married a white lady (his son) 1799-1870 died at 71

William Brown - my great grandfather was half white (his daughter) 1854-1930 died at 76

Dorothy (Brown) Burch - my grandmother, (her daughter) 1913-

Caroline (Burch) Jones - my mother 1943- (has kids .)

Catherine Jones - me 1965-

Lewis Jones Jr. - my brother 1968-

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The red son of a light is below  
I had a few white relatives on my  
mothers and fathers side.

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
GEORGE SUEL Sr. 1st (Wife Arrena)  
Born Jan. 18, 1860 2nd (Wife Mary Buck)

(One child by 1st wife)

BESSIE (SUEL) BREASTON (D) (Husband )  
(No children)

(Children by 2nd Wife)

HAROLD SUEL (D) (Never Married)

HILDA (SUEL) STOUTE (Husband Alex W.)

1324 W. Spring St., Lima, Ohio

(No Children)

RICHARD SUEL ( )

RUTH SUEL (D) (Never Married)

(Mrs. Mary Suel - 1324 W. Spring St., Lima, O.)

(George Sr. - wife)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
GEORGE SUEL Sr. (Wife Mary Buck)  
GEORGE SUEL Jr. (D) (Wife Gwendolyn  
Phillips)

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DOROTHY (SUEL) BATES (Husband William)

865 Lenard Street, Columbus, Ohio

Lehman Bates

William Bates Jr.

Michael Bates

Reginald Bates

Berry Bates

Deborah Bates

GEORGE SUEL Jr., III (Wife Betty J.)

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George Suel Jr., IV

Timothy Suel

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

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SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829

GEORGE SUEL Sr.  
Born Jan. 18, 1860 (Wife Mary Buck)

GEORGE SUEL Jr. (D) (Wife Gwendolyn  
Phillips)

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DONNA (SUEL) EILAND (Husband Green)

326 8th Street, Columbus, Ohio

Chester Eiland

Ronland Eiland

Janice Eiland

Preston Eiland

FOUSTON SUEL (D) In Armed Services (Wife )

Patricia Suel

DELORIS (SUEL) CUNNINGHAM (Husband Dennis)

1360 Apt. Hawthorne Street, Columbus, Ohio

Dennis Cunningham Jr., III

Bruce Cunningham

Marica Cunningham

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )

SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829

GEORGE SUEL Sr. 2nd (Wife Mary Buck)  
Born Jan. 18, 1860

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Phillips)

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RUTH (SUEL) ESTIS (Husband Marshall R.)

1448 Rear- Cole Street, Columbus, Ohio

Phillip Estis

David Estis

Mark Estis

ANNETTA (SUEL) HUNTER (Husband Charles)

186 S. Highland Street, Apt. F, Columbus, O.

Saundra Hunter

Charles Hunter Jr., II

Daniel Hunter

STANLEY SUEL ( )

(At Home)

RICHARD SUEL

(At Home)

MURIEL SUEL

(At Home)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)

GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )

SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829

MARY (SUEL) LOFTON (Husband James)  
Born April 22, 1864

DR. PAUL LOFTON (Wife )

Res. - 405 Bowman Ave., Columbus, Ohio

Office-714 E. Long Street, Columbus, Ohio

..... Lofton

..... Lofton

EDWARD LOFTON (Never Married)

270 Monroe Ave., Columbus Ohio

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
SARAH ANN (BROWN) SUEL (Husband )  
Born 1829  
MARY (SUEL) LOFTON (Husband James)  
Born April 22, 1864  
FRANCES (LOFTON) JOHNSON (Husband )  
(D)  
MILDRED (JOHNSON) ..... (Husband )  
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HELEN (JOHNSON) ..... (Husband )  
.....  
MONTE JOHNSON ( )  
MARY (JOHNSON) ..... (Husband )  
.....  
SYLVIA (JOHNSON) ..... (Husband )  
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JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN

"A Farmer"

He was born in Green County, Ohio, in 1839 on the Brown Homestead, seven miles South East of Xenia, Ohio. He served in the Civil War and after the war he took up farming again, and in 1868 he came to Willshire Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, settling on a tract of land that his Grandfather had willed to him and his sisters.

He mastered the German language. He and his wife Charlotte raised seven children. He died in 1896, age 57 years and was buried in a small colored grave yard, one mile east of Wren, Ohio, Van Wert County.

CHARLOTTE T. BROWN

"His Wife"

Born 1844

Died 1910

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
LIBBIE (BROWN) SAUNDERS (Husband Sherman)

LEE SAUNDERS (Wife )

519 Norwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio

RUSSELL SAUNDERS

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
ALTHEA (BROWN) GOINGS (Husband Bayle)

WILLIAM C. GOINGS (Wife Phyllis)

3001 Walters Street, Cincinnati, Ohio

William C. Goings Jr.

MILTON E. GOINGS (Wife Anne)

3005 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio

Milton Goings

Gwendolyn Goings

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
DELLA (BROWN) CHANDLER (Husband ).

406 Norwood Ave., Toledo, O.

(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
BELL (BROWN) DEPRAT (Husband )  
(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
MARGARET (BROWN) MATHEWS (Husband Roger)  
( No Children)

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
JOHN BROWN (Wife )  
(No Children)

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GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
EBBIE (BROWN) HARRISON (Husband William)  
DAVIDELLA (HARRISON) WORTHINGTON (Husband Manny)

ADOLPH HARRISON

ELIZABETH (HARRISON) GARNER (Husband )

Sacramento, California

GODFREY BROWN Sr. (Wife Chaney)  
GODFREY BROWN Jr. (Wife )  
JAMES WORTHINGTON BROWN (Wife Charlotte)  
EBBIE (BROWN) HARRISON (Husband William)  
VIOLET (HARRISON) LEWIS (Husband )  
  
MARJORIE (LEWIS) GILLESPIE (Husband Frank Jr.)  
  
Frank Gillespie III  
  
Grant Gillespie  
  
Gordon Gillespie  
  
PHYLLIS (LEWIS) PONDERS (Husband )  
  
Stephyne Ponders  
  
Violet Ponders

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LEWIS BUSINESS COLLEGE  
5450 John R.  
Detroit 2, Michigan  
VIOLET T. LEWIS, PRES.

TR 3-8120

In Indianapolis, Indiana in January 1929, The Lewis Business College was opened by Mrs. Violet T. Lewis. She felt that there was a need for an institution to offer business training to young men and women.

The day the school opened, the equipment consisted of one typewriter, one instructor, one office clerk, and one janitor. The president of Lewis Business College filled all these capacities.

After ten years of operation in Indianapolis, and surviving during the depression years, Violet Lewis felt a need for expansion. After visiting the dynamic city of Detroit and finding no school that offered business training to the Negro youth of that city, she decided to open a branch of the Lewis Business College in Detroit. This school opened in 1939 at West Warren and McGraw. The Detroit school grew so rapidly that it necessitated the closing of the Indianapolis school and devoting all interests to Detroit.

The school soon outgrew its quarters on West Warren and so Mrs. Lewis purchased the present site in the Art Center of Detroit on John R. Street, in 1941. In September 1955, Lewis Business College purchased the adjacent property to the school at 222 E. Ferry to keep pace with its expanding program. The present assessed valuation of property and equipment of the Lewis Business College is \$150,000. The tremendous growth of this school which started in a store front in Indianapolis, came about through the desire of Violet T. Lewis to offer a service to the Negro youth in her community.

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| Daughters: Marjorie Lewis Gillespie<br>& Sons | Frank III<br>Grant<br>Gordon | Phyllis Lewis Ponders<br>Stephyne<br>Violet |
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